Railways equity in NTPC Power Project

2849. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways were considering to have equity participation in power generation projects of NTPC;

(b) whether modalities of such participation have since been firmed up;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of legal viability of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) Railways are exploring the possibility of joint ventures with NTPC and other public/private power producers so as to obtain power at reasonable rates. The modalities of such participation have not yet been firmed up.

Opening of DRM office in Ahmedabad

†2850. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government has submitted a proposal requesting for opening of DRM office in Ahmedabad; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The new division at Ahmedabad will become operational, depending on the availability of investible resources.

Closure of Rail Parcel office at Dharwad

2851. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to close down the Railway parcel office at Dharwad Railway Station in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.